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## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 remain in this application. Claims 1-9 each have been amended.

Referring to the Office Action, claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action sets forth the objected limitations for each of the corresponding claims. Applicants have amended the claims to correct the lack of sufficient antecedent basis for each of the limitations identified. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1-9 be withdrawn in view of the changes made.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-9 are directed to allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants have made the required changes. In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance and early passage to issue is therefore deemed proper and respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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It is believed that no additional fee is due. However, if any additional fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

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